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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

- 1.-40. (Cancelled)
- 41. (Currently Amended) A communication method of a host device connected to a printer, comprising:

sending, to the printer, a commend command relating to an object identifier request;

- receiving, from the printer in response to the command relating to the object identifier request, information corresponding to a number of the printer's usable object identifiers;
- sending, to the printer, a first print setting information and object identifiers corresponding to the number of printer's usable object identifiers, wherein each of the object identifiers is associated with one of a plurality of print objects;
- receiving from the printer, a data request for each of the plurality of print objects using the object identifiers; and
- sending, to the printer, the print object data from each of the plurality of print objects.
- 42. (Previously Presented) The communication method according to claim 41, comprising: obtaining characteristic information of said printer;
 - preparing first print setting information by the host device based on said obtained characteristic information; and
 - sending said prepared first print setting information to said printer.

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- 43. (Previously Presented) A host device connected to a printer, comprising:
 - a communication interface to communicate data with the printer, wherein the communication interface includes functionality to:
 - send, to the printer, a command relating to an object identifier request;
 - receive, from the printer in response to the command relating to the object identifier request, information corresponding to a number of printer's usable object identifiers;
 - send, to the printer, a first print setting information and the object identifiers corresponding to the number of printer's usable object identifiers, wherein each of the object identifiers is associated with one of a plurality of print objects;
 - receive, from the printer, a data request for each of the plurality of print objects using the object identifiers; and
 - send, to the printer, the print object data from each of the plurality of print objects.